

Article 4. Supplemental Regulations

8.00. Low-Flow Restrictions.

(a) Eel River, Mad River, Mattole River, Redwood Creek, Smith River and Van Duzen River. Stream closures: Special Low Flow Conditions. From October 1 through January 31, any of the stream reaches listed in subsection (1) through (7) below shall be closed to all angling from Tuesday through Thursday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Monday morning at any of the designated gauging stations is less than the minimum flows set forth in subsections (1) through (7); any of the stream reaches listed in subsections (1) through (7) below shall be closed to all angling from Friday through Monday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Thursday morning at any of the designated gauging stations is less than the

minimum flows set forth in subsections (1) through (7). Notwithstanding this provision, the department may reopen a stream at any time during a closed period if the minimum flow as specified in subsections (b)(1)-(7) of Section 8.00 is exceeded and the department is reasonably assured that it will remain above the minimum flow until the next scheduled Monday or Wednesday flow determination. The department shall make information available to the public by a telephone recorded message updated no later than 1:00 p.m. each Monday and Thursday, as to whether any stream will be open or closed to fishing. It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the telephone number designated in the sport fishing regulations booklet to obtain information on the status of any stream.

(1) The main stem Eel River from the paved junction of Fulmor Road with the Eel River to the South Fork Eel River.

Minimum Flow: 350 cfs at the gauging station near Scotia.

(2) The South Fork of the Eel River downstream from Rattlesnake Creek and the Middle Fork Eel River downstream from the Black Butte River.

Minimum Flow: 340 cfs at the gauging station at Miranda.

(3) Van Duzen River: The main stem Van Duzen River from its junction with the Eel River to the Highway 36 bridge near Bridgeville.

Minimum Flow: 150 cfs at the gauging station near Grizzly Creek Redwood State Park.

(4) Mad River: The main stem Mad River from the Hammond Trail Railroad Trestle to the County Road bridge at Maple Creek.

Minimum Flow: 200 cfs at the gauging station at the Highway 299 bridge.

(5) Mattole River: The main stem Mattole River from the mouth to Honeydew Creek.

Minimum Flow: 320 cfs at the gauging station at Petrolia.

(6) Redwood Creek: The main stem of Redwood Creek from the mouth to its confluence with Bond Creek.

Minimum Flow: 300 cfs at the gauging station near the Highway 101 bridge.

(7) Smith River: The main stem Smith River from the mouth of Rowdy Creek, to its confluence with Patrick Creek; the South Fork Smith River from the mouth to its confluence with Jones Creek; and the North Fork Smith River from the mouth to its confluence with Stony Creek.

Minimum Flow: 400 cfs at the Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park gauging station.

THE NUMBER TO CALL FOR INFORMATION IS (707) 442-4502.

(b) Central Coast Streams: Stream Closures: Special Low Flow Conditions. From October 1 through April 1 in Napa River (Napa County) between Trancas Avenue in Napa and Lincoln Bridge in Calistoga, Sonoma Creek (Sonoma County), and all streams tributary to the Pacific Ocean (and its bays) in Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin counties, except for the Russian River, shall be closed to all angling for a period of one week, commencing on any Thursday when the Department determines that the flow on the previous Wednesday morning at the gauging station on the main stem Russian River near Guerneville (Sonoma County) is less than 500 cfs. Notwithstanding this provision, the Department may immediately reopen the streams to fishing if it determines that such flows exceed 500 cfs and no negative impact to the resource would result. The Department shall make information available to the public by telephone recorded message, updated no later than 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday, as to whether any stream will be open or closed to fishing. It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the telephone number designated in the sport fishing regulations booklet to obtain information on the status of any stream.

THE NUMBER TO CALL FOR INFORMATION IS (707) 944-5533.

(c) The Carmel River main stem shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the flow at the U.S.G.S. gauging station near Carmel is less than 135 cfs. The stream flow gauge will be checked on Tuesday and Friday of each week. The decision as to whether the river will be open or closed to fishing will take place only on Tuesday and Friday of each week. In the event that river flow changes above or below 135 cfs later in the week, the fishing status for the river will not change until the day following the next scheduled reading. It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the telephone number designated in the sport fishing regulations booklet to obtain information on the status of the river. THE NUMBER TO CALL FOR INFORMATION IS (408) 649-2886.

8.10. Youth Fishing Derby, Susan River (Lassen County).

The Susan River, from the second railroad tunnel (the westernmost) on the Biz Johnson Trail downstream to the Riverside bridge in the City of Susanville, is open to fishing on the Saturday preceding the last Saturday in April, only to persons under 16 years of age who are registered for the fishing Derby sponsored by the Lassen County Sportsmen's Club.